Alberta Finance
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF July 15, 2002 TO July 19, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Motor Vehicle Sales	May			New motor vehicle sales in Canada rose by 2.2% in May, mainly the result of increased truck sales. The sale of foreign built cars increased, while domestic car sales declined. Quebec (5.5%), Saskatchewan (4.9%) and British Columbia (6.9%) led the provinces in increases. Only the Atlantic provinces registered decreases with Newfoundland (-7.2%) and Prince Edward Island (-5.1%) reporting the largest declines. Sales in Canada were up 10.2% from May 2001, while Alberta sales were up 10.4%.
Alberta	16,937	1.5%	10.4%	
Canada	145,767	2.2%	10.2%	
Monthly Survey of Manufacturing ($ millions)	May			Canadian manufacturing shipments decreased 1.4% in May, after a 5.2% increase in April. Most of the decrease was caused by a slow automotive sector. Excluding motor vehicles and parts, manufacturing shipments decreased by only 0.1%. The only provinces to report gains in May were Alberta (1.8%), British Columbia (1.0%) and Quebec (0.7%). Decreases were led by Saskatchewan (-8.2%) and Nova Scotia (-5.3%), while Ontario reported a 2.6% decline.
Alberta	3,365	1.8%	-7.5%	
Canada	43,367	-1.4%	-0.1%	
Travel ('000s)	May			Travel from Canada to other countries decreased by 0.6% in May, 14.4% below May 2001 levels. Travel to the United States (-0.6%) decreased, while trips to other countries increased by 1.6%. Travel to Canada decreased by 1.6% in May, remaining 10.3% below May 2001 levels. Although the number of travellers to Canada showed signs of recovery between December and February, they have continued to fall since then.
Canadian trips abroad	3,191	-0.6%	-14.4%	
Travel to Canada	3,662	-1.6%	-10.3%	